

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	23/01/2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

1. To consider 2 applications for funding listed below

	Amount requested
Applicant: Goatacre Cricket Club Project Title: Goatacre Village Hall Toilets, Shower, Changing Room Renovation View full application	£4000.00
Applicant: Bremhill Parish Council Project Title: Bremhill church to 'The Dumb Post Inn' footpath View full application	£776.00

2. To consider 2 Councillor initiatives listed below

	Amount requested
Proposed by: Councillor Tom Rounds Project Title: Tench Road Open Space improvements	£4265.56
Proposed by: Councillor Alan Hill Project Title: Implementation of new information boards at Cherhill White Horse.	£250.00

3. To note 1 payment made under delegated authority listed below

	Amount paid under delegated authority:
Request: contribution from the Health and Wellbeing fund for positive activities for Older People and Carers. Project: Calne Older People and Carers Voices/Hub/ 'Celebrating Age' Christmas musical event/tea party.	£47.10

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2670	Goatacre Cricket Club	Goatacre Village Hall Toilets Shower Changing Room Renovation	£4000.00
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>To upgrade the current toilet facilities, which have been in place for more than 30 years and to provide an accessible toilet facility.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>Goatacre Village Hall is a vibrant local facility offering social and health and wellbeing opportunities to the local community. It hosts approximately 15 local community groups and the committee reports an increase in demand since the closure of Calne's Woodlands Club.</p> <p>The Committee, made up of volunteers, is working hard to provide a quality facility and is exploring opportunities to attract events such as business meetings, weddings dinner dances etc. to help make it more sustainable as an ongoing venue at the heart of the community.</p> <p>Members will recall that, the former Village Halls Fund, designed to support development of such community facilities, was brought under the Area Board Community Area Grant scheme several years ago.</p> <p>This application can be seen to link to JSA and Community priorities to promote diversity and inclusion, active lifestyles and participation in cultural activities. It could also provide opportunities to address the social isolation and loneliness priority.</p> <p>The amount requested represents approximately 12% of the total project cost and can be seen to be drawing down a significant level of external funding to the Calne Community Area.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2668	Bremhill Parish Council	Bremhill church to 'The Dumb Post Inn' footpath	£776.00
<p>Project Description: To provide two stiles with kissing gates to make them more accessible.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>This application represents an application for a Pavement Improvement Grant (PIG). PIGS were recently relaunched and, from now on, will be run differently to previous years. Schemes will continue to be developed by Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way and Countryside team in partnership with local communities. However, the funding will come from the Area Boards.</p> <p>This is the first PIG application that has been submitted to the Calne Area Board. The applicant is the Parish Council and Officers from Wiltshire Council Rights of Way and Countryside team have worked with the applicant to ensure that the proposed scheme is appropriate.</p> <p>Landowners have given permission for the scheme to take place and will maintain the structure with a contribution of 25% from the Local Authority.</p> <p>This is a well-used footpath, the initial request for an improvement scheme came from an elderly resident who could no longer climb over the existing stiles.</p> <p>This application can be seen to link to JSA and Community priorities to promote active lifestyles. It could also provide opportunities to address social isolation and loneliness.</p> <p>An award to this scheme would represent 100% of the total project costs.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

10. Councillor Initiatives for consideration

Sponsor Councillor	Project Proposal	Requested
Cllr. Tom Rounds	Tench Road Open Space improvements	£4265.56
<p>Project Description: To remove dangerous landscaping features from area of open space provided by developers at Tench Road, Calne and return area to an appropriate condition for ongoing community use by local residents.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This project emerged from concerns about experiences of anti-social behaviour and poorly maintained landscaping features reported by local police and residents in the Tench road area of Calne. The local Wiltshire Councillor, Tom Rounds, the Community Engagement Manager, Town Councillors and local residents held a 'Community Conversation' on site in September 2017 – this provided an</p>		

opportunity for local residents to get together and discuss and share ideas about how they would like to use the space as a community.

This event led to the formation of an informal residents group which, if the area is returned to a more manageable state, would be interested in holding social community gatherings on the land, joint litter picking activities etc.

Highways Streetscene engineers have advised that facilitation of the work required cannot currently be funded from central budgets but advise that Wiltshire Council contractors undertake the work in order to meet current policy/standards etc.

Cllr. Rounds proposes the Area Board funds this work to hasten the removal of dangerous features, reduce the attractiveness of the area as a harbour of anti-social behaviour and also to enable the local residents group to start planning future community activities in time for the spring.

This proposal represents the total costs of the scheme.

It can be seen to address Community Safety JSA priorities around Anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug abuse. It can also be seen to provide links to fly tipping, litter and social inclusion.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Sponsor Councillor	Project Proposal	Requested
Cllr. Alan Hill	Information boards at Cherhill White Horse.	£250

Project Description:

To replace the existing interpretation board at Cherhill White Horse with a new laminate sign (with new design and content), to be bolted on to an existing frame.

The new sign will include an audio descriptor and a QR code linking to further information about the White Horse and the walking trail which connects the horses across the county. The application includes installation of the new sign.

The project will form part of a larger scheme to improve the information available at each of the White Horses in Wiltshire.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The poor state of existing signs has been picked up by members of the public who have complained that information is difficult to read. In addition, the interpretation boards are not accessible to those who are partially sighted or blind and lack a link to more detailed information.

The local community will benefit by having easy access to good information about their White Horse. The information will be accessible to a wider range of people due to the audio descriptor and improved legibility (with larger text and a better-quality sign).

The website featured on the interpretation board will provide a map and description of a walking route between the White Horses. This will encourage people to get outside and explore the trail.

The project is part of a bigger scheme to replace signs at all of the White Horses in Wiltshire. It supports the corporate aim to increase tourism in the county.

It also addresses JSA priorities to encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

The amount requested from the area board represents 12.5% of the bigger scheme.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

11. Payment made under delegated authority to note

	Amount paid under delegated authority:
Request: contribution from the Health and Wellbeing fund for positive activities for Older People and Carers. Project: Voices/Hub/'Celebrating Age' Older People/Carers Christmas musical event/tea party.	£47.10
Input from Community Engagement Manager: As part of the 'Celebrating Age' project that is being run in several parts of the county, Calne Older People/Carers Voices group worked with the Community Hub Volunteers and the Celebrating Age project manager to put on a Christmas musical event/tea party for older people and carers at the Community Hub on 13 th December 2017. In consultation with the Area Board Chair and Councillors, it was decided to use funds from the Health and Wellbeing budget to help facilitate the event. £47.10 was paid under delegated authority. The event provided entertainment, refreshments and an introduction to future opportunities to engage in the Celebrating Age project. Approximately 50 Older People and Carers took part and students from the Springfield Academy also attended to help host the event.	

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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